

Notes: There are probably more varieties and multiple types may have been issued in the same time frame.

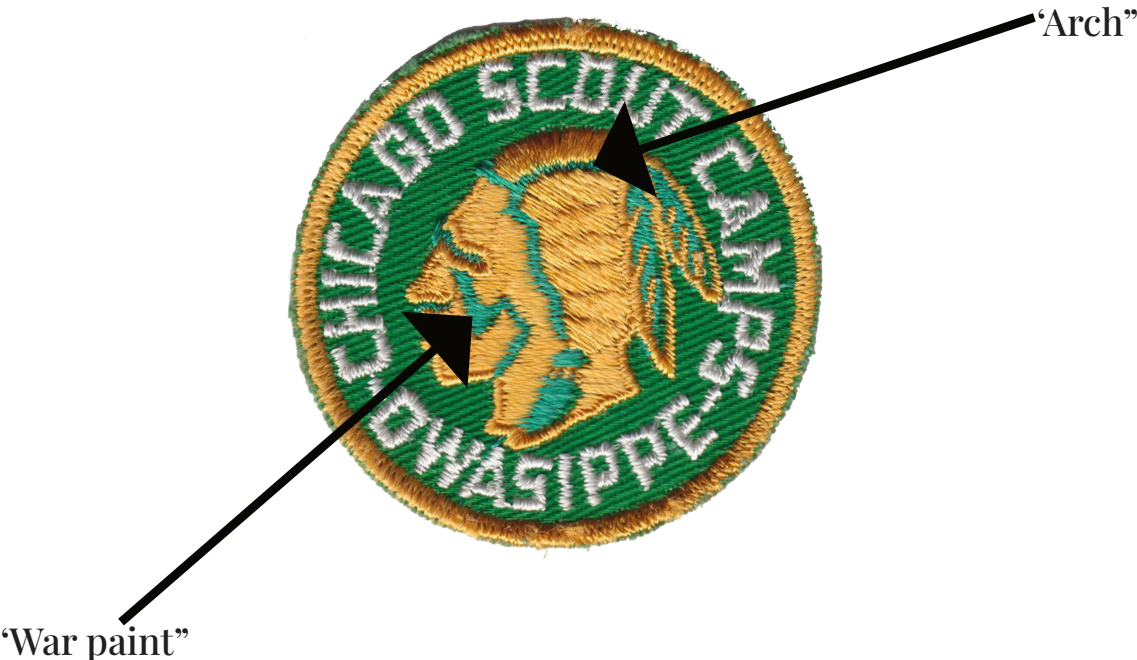
I tried to use examples where there was either one single numeral attached to the patch or a small date range. Errors in dating may be caused by using examples with multiple dates. I believe the dates are reasonably correct but many more examples are required to fine tune the dates.

I am color blind

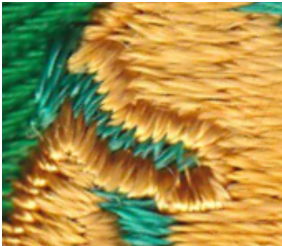
The 'Type 1b' patch appears to be similar to your 'Type 4' which you were looking for.

It is said that the color of the numeral patches may be an indicator of some patches but if this is true then I found the earliest patches to match those after 1947. There is a slight darkening of numerals in 1943 and 1945 which may indicate the years of the early darker green patch.

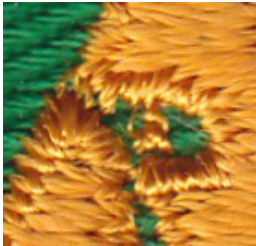
Descriptors of Differentiating Patches



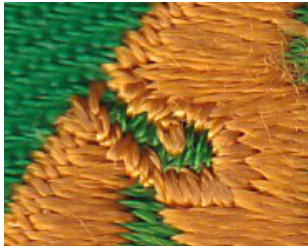
‘Embroidered face’ = War paint, arch, feathers, and ‘braid’ is embroidered green



‘Slit’ eyes



Detailed eyes,
pupil



Detailed eyes,
pupil. Green
Embroidered



Non-detailed
mouth



Detailed lips



Detailed mouth, Green
embroidered between lips

TYPE 1a 1940-1943



Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Slits

Face: Embroidered

Text: Small

Arch: Thin; Embroidered

Color: Light Green

Mouth: Non-detailed

Other: The 'H' in the word Chicago has a 'centered cross bar'. In the called 'TYPE 1b' the 'H' has an off centered cross bar which makes it easily identifiable in blurry images.



TYPE 1b ~1943- ~1945



Type 1a text

Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Slits

Face: Embroidered

Text: Large. The 'C' and 'H' are taller than 'Type 1a'

Arch: Thick; Embroidered

Color: Dark Green

Mouth: Non-detailed

Other: The 'H' in the word Chicago has a 'off-centered cross bar'.



Type 1b text

There is no green embroidery separating the nose from the mouth

Note: I found no easily identifiable example present with a year segment. Numeral's 1945 and 1943 appear to have a darker green fabric which may indicate that the 'Type 1b' was issued during that time frame.

It is often said that this is the first variety which may be true. However, examples with numerals from 1940-1942 appear to be the 'Type 1a'.

TYPE 2 ~1945-1947



Diameter: 2.75"

Eyes: Slits

Face: Not Embroidered

Text: Large

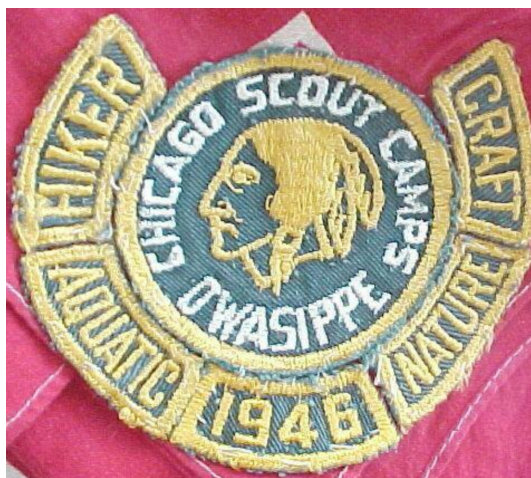
Arch: None

Color: Dark Green

Mouth: Embroidered

Other: Distinct

Probably 1946-1947



TYPE 3 1948



Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Detailed, pupil

Face: Not embroidered

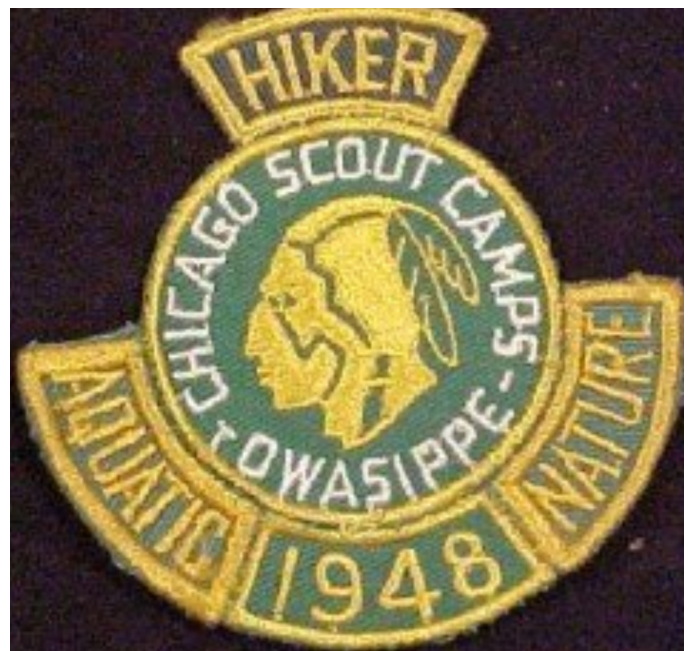
Text: Small

Arch: Thin; Not Embroidered

Color: Light Green

Mouth: Detailed Lips

Other: Appears to be distinct to 1948, though it may have been issued partly in 1949.



TYPE 4a 1949- ~1952



Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Detailed, pupil

Face: Not embroidered

Text: Small. The 'C' in Chicago and Camps have a curve which is not present in the called 'Type 4b'

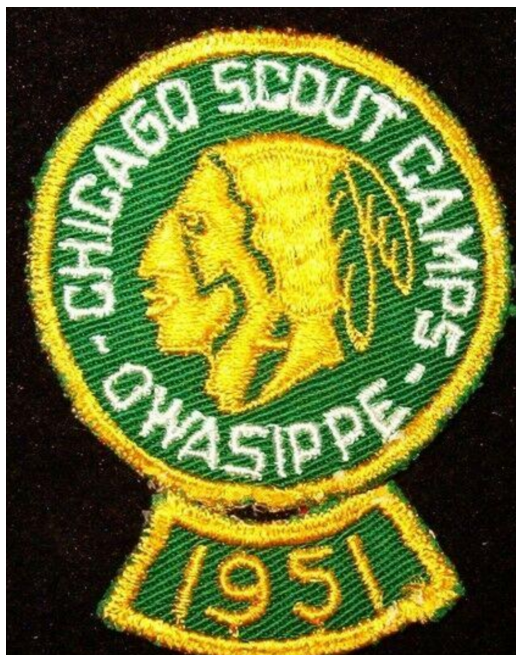
Arch: None

Color: Light Green

Mouth: Detailed Lips

Other:





TYPE 4b 1952 - 1953?



Type 4a text



Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Detailed, pupil

Face: Not embroidered

Text: Small. The 'C' in
Chicago and Camps have no
curve

Arch: None

Color: Light Green

Mouth: Detailed Lips

Other: No examples with
numerals were found.
Possibly dates from 1952-1953



Type 4b text

TYPE 5a ~1953-1954



Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Detailed, pupil. Green embroidered

Face: Embroidered

Text: Small

Arch: Thick, embroidered

Color: Light Green

Mouth: Detailed Lips

Other: Only example found was attached to 1954. Possibly used in other years

Note: The 'war paint' green embroidery tapers slightly as it approaches the eye. This makes it easier to identify in blurry images



TYPE 5b 1954-1957



Diameter: 2.5"

Eyes: Detailed, pupil

Face: Embroidered

Text: Small

Arch: Medium-Thick
Embroidered

Color: Light Green

Mouth: Detailed Lips. Green embroidery between lips.

Other: 'War paint' does not taper as noticeably as 'Type 5a'.

(The example in the bottom right of this page shows the 'war paint' tapering significantly but has green embroidery present between the lips. Possibly a variation in manufacturing or could be called a new type depending how picky we choose to be.





Right: 'War paint' tapered and embroidered mouth.



Probably Not Owasippe ~1947



Diameter: 2.625"

Eyes: Slits

Face: Embroidered

Text: None

Arch: Medium, Embroidered

Color: Black Felt. Brownish embroidery secondary color

Mouth: Not detailed

Other: Almost certainly from
Camp O-Tan-Wa.

Note: This example is said to have been found in a scrapbook from Camp O-Tan-Wa.

A private camp in Chesterland, Ohio. I found no indication of a connection to any individual or former staff of Owasippe. Most likely reused embroidery. Other items in the lot were said to be from 1947. The camp operated from 1920-1950.



Left: Other items in original Ebay listing. Seller claimed all to be from same scrap book.

Fake 2024-2025



Appears on Ebay and Etsy on occasion. Fake made by seller.